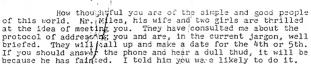
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Dear Hr. Fresident,



My complement speech turned out to be a great success because it was to be on a dull subject -- "The Political Responsibilities of Young ditizens," of all/things -- and I hit un a happy device to deal with it. We have a very beautiful bit of country road leading to our village, which is notoriously defaced by motorists throwing beer cans and all sorts of trash along the roadside, despite vigns threatening horrendous penalties. I pointed out that the people who did this might technically be citizens but in reality they treated the home country as pigs treat their pen. [Eut, I said, within the week I had seen truck loads of boy scouts, armed with shopping bags, picking up this trash and making hand beautiful once more. They were learning the indispensable foundation of citizenship -- to love some part of this land with all their heart and treat it with disciplined respect and tend; care.

Apparehtly that meant something to the whole audience, children and parents, which generalities about patrictism and duty did not. They gave me a great reception afterwards. On the whole, an interesting evening came out of an expected dull one.

I am working hard on plans & a Berlin crisis toward the end of the, year. It is grim business, but I think that the Joint Chiefs and the State Department have now got the idea and that we shall now make some progress. TheseChiefs are Hearly as good as yours; nor are their staffs. In fact I am shocked -- and I think the Sec of Defense is, also -- at the shoddy work which comes out of with emilitary. For what we spend on them we deserve something better than what we get.

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Kern ddy's performance worries and puzzles me. Somehow, he does s ceed in being a Fresident, but only in giving the appearance of one, though he did do well with Khrushchev. Both Kennedy a: I bean Rusk seem to me to be better when they make speeches than when they act. We have heard a lot about the necessity to make sacrifices but we haven't been asked to make any. There are plentyto make if the Administration would just get started. Time is running out.

With warmest greetings.

/s/ Dean.

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